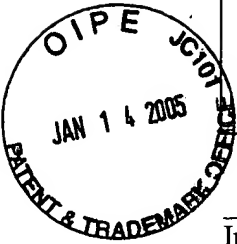


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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition to withdraw the above-referenced application from issuance for the following reasons:

1. On October 20, 2004, the foreign associate of corresponding European application No. 01941946.4 faxed an Office Action to Applicant's attorneys. The office action contained art that had not been presented in the above-referenced application.
2. The issue fee for the above-referenced application was paid on October 26, 2004.
3. Applicant's attorneys did not review the Office Action of the corresponding European application in detail until January 5, 2005, at which time, Applicant's attorneys determined that art had been cited which should be submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection to the current application.
4. Applicant's hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c) to withdraw the above-referenced allowed application from issue and file herewith a Request for

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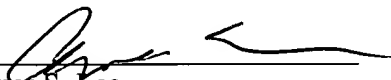
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Please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-1945 in the amount of \$130.00 covering the required fees for this petition. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 18-1945, under Order No. MIY-P01-011. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Dated: January 14, 2005

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